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**NON-PROVISIONAL  
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
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Washington, DC 20231

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

**NICKEL ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERIES  
AND NICKEL ELECTRODE USING THE SAME**

which is:

an ☐ Original; or

a ☒ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, or ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior Application No. 09/255,583 filed February 22, 1999.

Anticipated Group/Art Unit: \_\_\_ or Class \_\_\_, Subclass \_\_\_.

☐ This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application  
No. \_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 22 pages.
- ☒ Newly executed Declaration (original).
- ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- ☒ 6 sheets of drawings (formal).
- ☐ Transmittal Letter Accompanying Submission of Compact Disc in Accordance  
with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(e), plus two identical compact discs (for computer program  
Appendix)
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
  - ☐ Computer readable copy ☐ Paper Copy ☐ Verified Statement.
- ☐ Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
- ☐ Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) of Japanese Application No. 10-040704 filed February 23,  
1998 is filed:
  - ☐ herewith or ☒ in prior application 09/255,583.
- ☐ Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under  
37 C.F.R. §1.27 as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern,  
or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A and copies of non-U.S. patent  
references.

☐ Request Nonpublication of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)

☐ Other:

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